

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 317 as follows:**

Fig. 2 illustrates a transverse section of the two separate bodies of displaced water 29 which are created by the slotted hull of Fig. 1. The two created COB's 21 may be seen to be laterally distanced from each other. This separation of the supporting water into two separate and distinct COB's 21 induces into the hull commensurate separation of the boat weight into two separate Centres of Gravity also laterally distanced from each other. The combined effect of these separations is to generate two virtual "feet" on which the hull "stands in the water". There is some similarity in this effect to the principle of the catamaran which employs two separate and distinct hulls to generate two separate and laterally distanced centres-of-buoyancy. The boat of this invention however generates [[in]] a similar effect within the envelope of a single unit-body hull ([[e.g.]] i.e. a single hull unit).